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Woman arrested for statutory rape

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A Pearl River County woman has been charged with statutory rape for allegedly having sex with a 14-year-old male from Hancock County, according to Hancock County Criminal Investigator

Kenny Hurt.

"The woman, Carrie Cox, 26, of No. 76 Edmond Mitchell Road, Pearl River County, was arrested on Nov. 19 and charged with statutory rape," Hurt said.

Hurt, the sheriff office's investigator for sex crimes and juveniles in

Youth Court, indicated the incident had happened late in October in Hancock County.

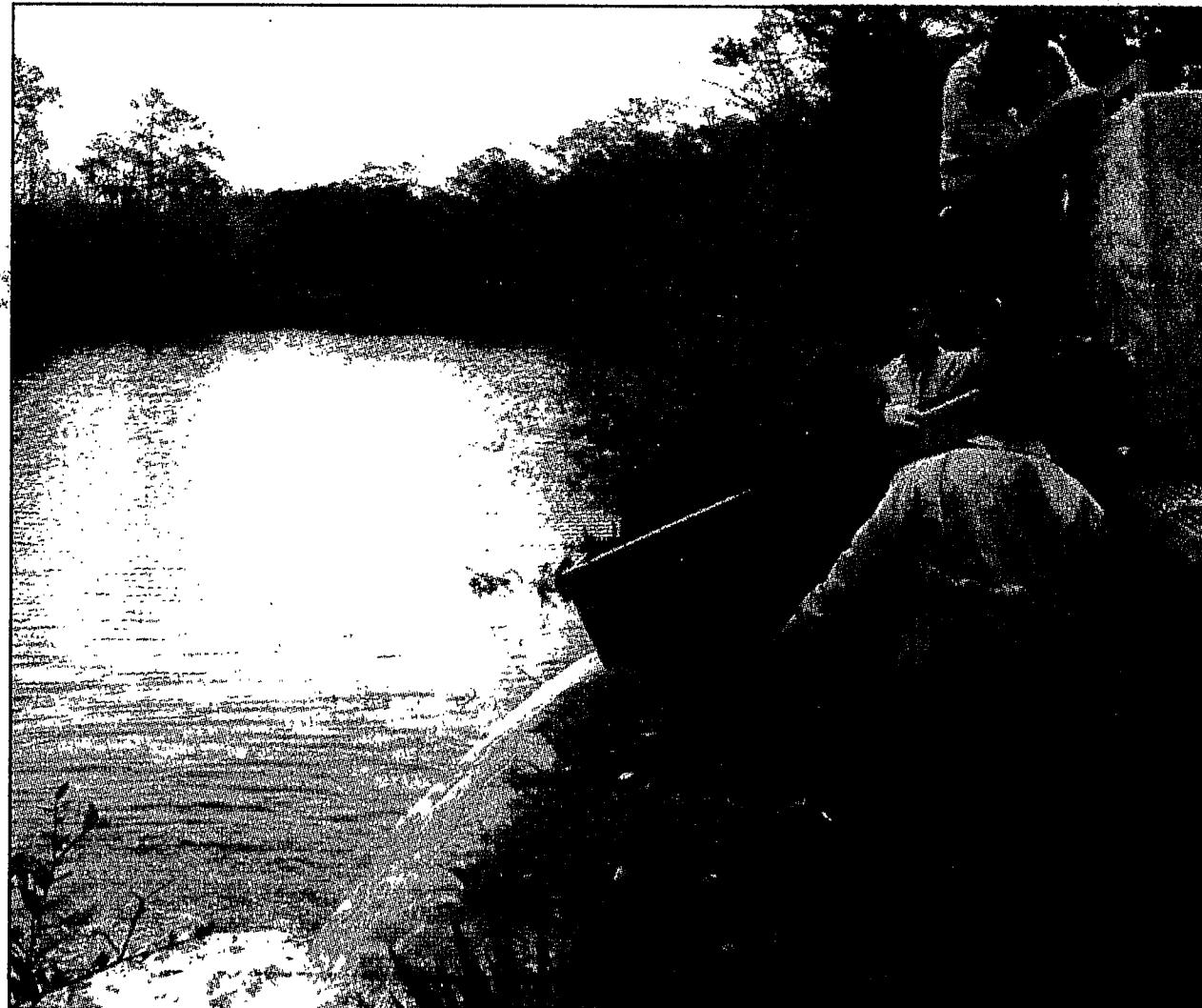
The case was under investigation for several weeks before Cox was arrested, Hurt said.

Cox, who posted bond at the Hancock County Justice Facility,

had a bond which was set at \$30,000 at the time of her arrest, Hurt said.

The name of the 14-year-old was not revealed to protect his identity, Hurt said, and added there may be other charges as further investigation into the matter continues.

Mighty Fishy



The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks put more than 40,000 live fish into the river at McLeod Park and at Rotten Bayou last week. Above, Fisheries & Parks agents James Dominici and Charles Vaughn aim fish into the water at McLeod Park. Below left are, from left, Gary Wayne Wallace, Roland D. Lee Sr., state Rep. Dirk Dedeaux, Supervisor Jay Cuevas, state Sen. Scotty Cuevas, Vaughn and Dominici.



Robbers strike again in Waveland

Reward offered after latest in wave of recent crimes

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A recent rash of armed robberies in Waveland have prompted offering an award for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell said, "With four armed robberies occurring in the past three weeks, police urges all citizens to report any and all suspicious happenings and persons observed in any areas of the city. Persons calling in any information can remain anonymous and not give their name."

The latest armed robbery occurred Thursday, December 12, at 10:18 p.m. when Waveland Police received a call from the 700 block of Villere Street, reporting an armed robbery. Varnell reports in a press



Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell investigating at the scene of the Hancock Bank robbery in Waveland last month.

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Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder
Outgoing Hancock County Chamber of Commerce President Jody Compreta, left, ceremonially hands his gavel to incoming President John Baxter Friday during the chamber's annual membership meeting and officer installation at Casino Magic's Bay Tower Hotel ballroom.

Driver dies after crashing into house

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department is investigating the death of a Dummy Line Road resident who apparently crashed into a residence, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

"Around noon on Tuesday, a gentleman noticed a pickup crashed into the brick stairway of a residence on Dummy Line

Road in the White Cypress Community, and he summoned the sheriff's office," Investigator John Luther, who is handling the accident, said on Wednesday.

"Deputies responded to the residence and found a person in the vehicle deceased."

The person in the vehicle was identified as Daniel Stenlyft, 35, of the White Cypress Community, Luther said.

"It appears it was a freak type of accident," Luther said. "We believe a battery in the bed of the pickup truck became airborne upon impact, traveled through the back window, struck the victim in the back of his head, exited through the windshield and ended up on the porch of the house."

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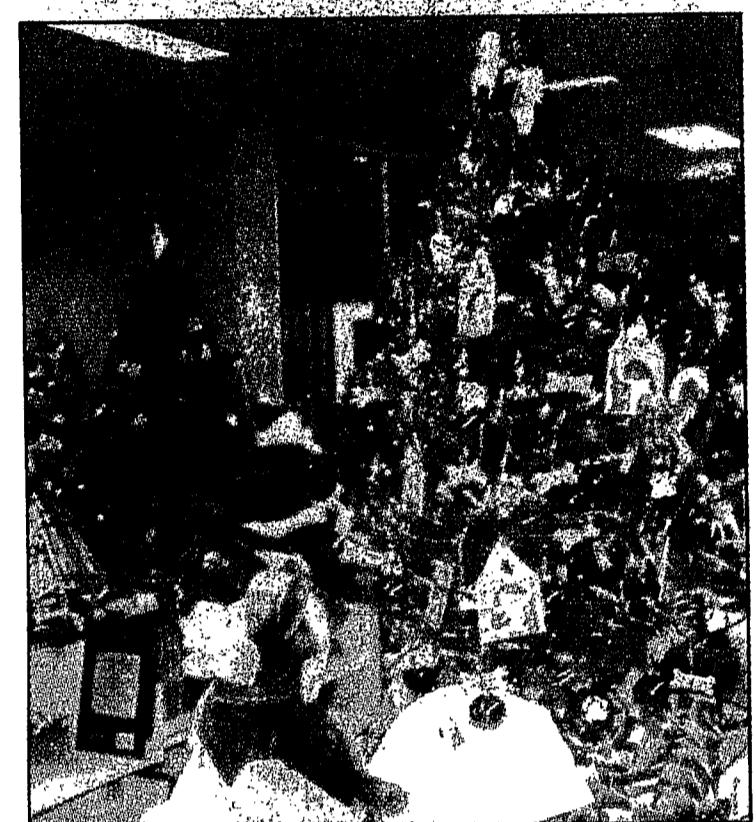
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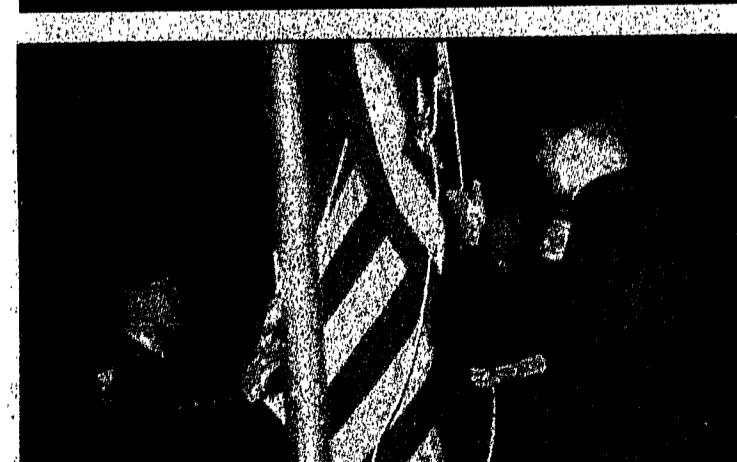
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Editor's note: An arrest is a conviction. Hancock County Facility front page, Dec. 13. Appearance log is not included merely as an arrest has been made.

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• Michael J. (grand larceny, waives trial)
• Kelly L. (of controlled substances, simple possession of marijuana, possession of a handgun, firearm by felon, tire sale of controlled substances, Janice L. suspended sentence, Albert L. contempt of court, appear), (warrant)
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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Dec. 5 to Dec. 13. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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- Roger L. Caplinger, 33, contempt of court (failure to appear) (warrant)
- Michael S. Lynch, 28, grand larceny (warrant)
- Kelly Jordan, 28, sale of controlled substance
- Sean D. Herron, 25, simple possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, possession of firearm by felon
- Tirre D. Bridget, 25, sale of controlled substance
- Janice A. McNeese, 20, suspended driver's license
- Albert Peterson, 26, contempt of court (failure to appear), simple assault (warrant)
- Russell E. Fitch, 44, careless driving, simple possession of marijuana while operating vehicle, careless driving
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- George Forster, 52, careless driving, DUI (4th), suspended driver's license, no insurance
- Glenda Ann Simpson, 60, DUI (1st), refused test, careless driving, illegal U-turn
- Pamela H. Nettles, 36, suspended driver's license, no insurance, DUI (2nd), leaving scene of accident
- Jason C. Ryals, 25, driving with suspended driver's license
- Jason J. Mason, 21, disturbance of family
- David Lee Thompson, 42, suspended driver's license
- Joseph E. Brisack, 26, bad checks
- Karl Michael Carpenter, 19, contempt of court (failure to appear) (warrant)
- Ralph A. Dennis, 39, speeding, DUI (1st)
- James E. Parker, 33, public drunk
- Donald Arthur Titus, 43, DUI (3rd), suspended driver's license
- David A. Ricca, 24, contempt of court (warrant)
- Mark Jacob Raphael,

- 32, public drunk
- David Slaughter, 60, DUI, refused test, no driver's license, no insurance
- Emilie J. Woods, 35, simple assault (domestic), open container, public drunk
- Daniel Lee Burges, 34, reckless driving, no seat belt, DUI, simple assault (domestic), suspended driver's license, open container, disorderly conduct (failure to comply)
- Don Hunter, 31, contempt of court
- Rickey O. Coles, 49, shoplifting
- Kenneth W. Beech, 35, contempt of court (warrant)
- Jamie Daryl Ladner, 25, sentenced to RID program
- Chad Bonano, 20, hold for circuit court
- Clayton Thompson, 71, resisting arrest, DUI (1st), disorderly conduct (failure to obey)
- Kevin L. Bullen, 39, DUI (2nd)
- Scott C. Bader, 20, contributing to delinquency of minor
- Gary W. Morgan, 29,

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Southern Regional approves sludge contract

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Southern Regional board members have decided to table any proposals for a change in sludge handling at the present time. They voted unanimously last week to reject all bids for new sludge handling contracts and remain with the current contract with Breaux Services. Breaux hauls liquid, Class B sludge from the plant for land farming. Breaux's contract will expire in September 2003.

In the recent \$11 million upgrade somewhere around \$1 million was spent for a new centrifuge and equipment to be used for a change to sludge management by composting. Recent bid advertisements brought no proposals for composting at the plant, though earlier this year Louisiana State University did make an offer to Southern Regional to make the plant a part of a composting research project at the school.

Board members said they would like to look at information on various options and make a decision as to how to handle future sludge removal at a later date. Estimates from engineering consulting firm URS indicated that liquid haul could be the most cost effective at the present time, but district engineer Duke Levy said that a successful composting operation could pay for itself and potentially generate revenue if composted material is sold.

With Levy was Chuck Pound of Metcalf and Eddy, an environmental engineering firm in the business of water, wastewater, and haz-

ardous waste solutions since 1907. Their cooperative headquarters is located in Massachusetts.

Pound has been with the firm for 37 years, he told the board, and is interested in offering his expertise to the district. He told the board that in the near future the demand will be for class A sludge as a by product of wastewater treatment.

Pound also said he had 15 years experience in the business of land applications for wastewater disposal. Levy said he would like to see the district move from discharge of effluent into Edward's Bayou, to spray irrigation. He said about 600 to 800 acres would be needed for the process.

Metcalf and Eddy developed technical criteria and design manuals for the Environmental Protection Agency and wastewater textbooks that serve as the principal teaching and reference resources for practicing professionals. They have designed wastewater treatment plants ranging in size from less than 1 million gallons per day () to more than 1000 MGD both in the U.S. and abroad.

In other business:

- Hancock Water and Sewer District Director Eddie Renz said his district would like a final answer to the question of capacity at the plant. A final phase for a collection system is on hold.

"If there is room at the plant for our final project that includes Ansley, Heron Bay, and the remainder of Shoreline Park," said Renz.

"About 1200 customers, we are requesting a letter to be written to Rural Development to that effect so funding for the project

can be released."

- Bay St. Louis attorney John Scafide delivered a letter to Southern Regional attorney Ronnie Artigues stating demands concerning the new contract for treatment at Southern Regional. Among requested revisions was a lowering of the \$350,000 spending cap that

the board can approve without requiring approval by all the districts. Scafide's letter asked that the cap be lowered to \$200,000 except in emergency situations and mandatory regulatory compliance matters. Most other requested revisions involved the wording of the contract.

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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Christmas trees bring memories of youth flooding back

Have you noticed how beautiful the cypress trees are at this time of the year?

They have turned brown in color as they prepare to drop their leaves.

I always admire the shape of the one in the Pitalo front yard at the end of the 300 block of Carroll Avenue in Bay St. Louis.

There are many around the area, including some very nice ones at the Interstate 10 Welcome Center.

It is just too bad cypress trees shed in the winter, as they sure would make beautiful Christmas trees.

Cypress have a beautiful Christmas tree design to them.

While on the subject of Christmas trees, there are many traditions in families on the selection of Christmas trees. Nowadays many use artificial trees, which were not around too much during my youth.

Our parents had the tradition of decorating the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. Our dad would search the woods behind our Waveland home for a nice pine tree.

Since our ceilings were about 10 ft. high, it took a good sized tree. As my three younger brothers and I aged, we went along to help in the search.

When we got older, the chore became my brothers'

and mine alone. Many times, we would fell a tree and realize it was not what we wanted. There were even times when we would add branches to a tree.

Pine trees always gave that wonderful fresh smell in our home.

Our mother had numerous ornaments, several from our first trees for each of us. It was a major task to decorate the tree and usually took most of Christmas Eve.

I also remember the first non-pine we had for a Christmas tree.

A new neighbor of ours across the street who had lived at Logtown had several real nice cedar trees on his farm. His property was bought out by NASA for the test site.

This was the early sixties and we thought one would look real nice as a Christmas tree, and he told us to take all we wanted.

We had to use heavy gloves to decorate the cedar tree, as it was full of stickers. It did look really nice, but took its toll on our fingers.

Following this, our mother for many years then went to an artificial tree.

In the early years, we had a chore in keeping all the lights burning, because when one would burnout, the entire cord would go out. Over the years, we changed out many tree lights.

Looking back, it was still a great time in our life.

MS leads nation in classroom technology

If you go to the tax collector's office to buy a new car tag and the computer's down, you're out of luck. If you go to the ATM to make a withdrawal and the computer's down, you don't get your money. If you're grocery shopping and the computer's down, they can't scan your items and get you on your way.

Technology is an integral part of even the most mundane tasks,

and when the technology breaks down, it alters our routines and the way we do our business.



From the Governor

By Gov. Ronnie Musgrove

When technology breaks down, it is important to have the right minds there to fix it. Even better, we would prefer to have the right minds in place to make sure it doesn't break down in the first place.

That's part of the push behind the "Computers in the Classrooms" initiative here in Mississippi.

By the end of this month, we will be celebrating the fact that Mississippi is the first state in the nation to have an Internet-accessible comput-

er in every public school classroom. This fact has already been confirmed by the National Governors Association, which stated that Mississippi is "at the head of the wave of technological innovation."

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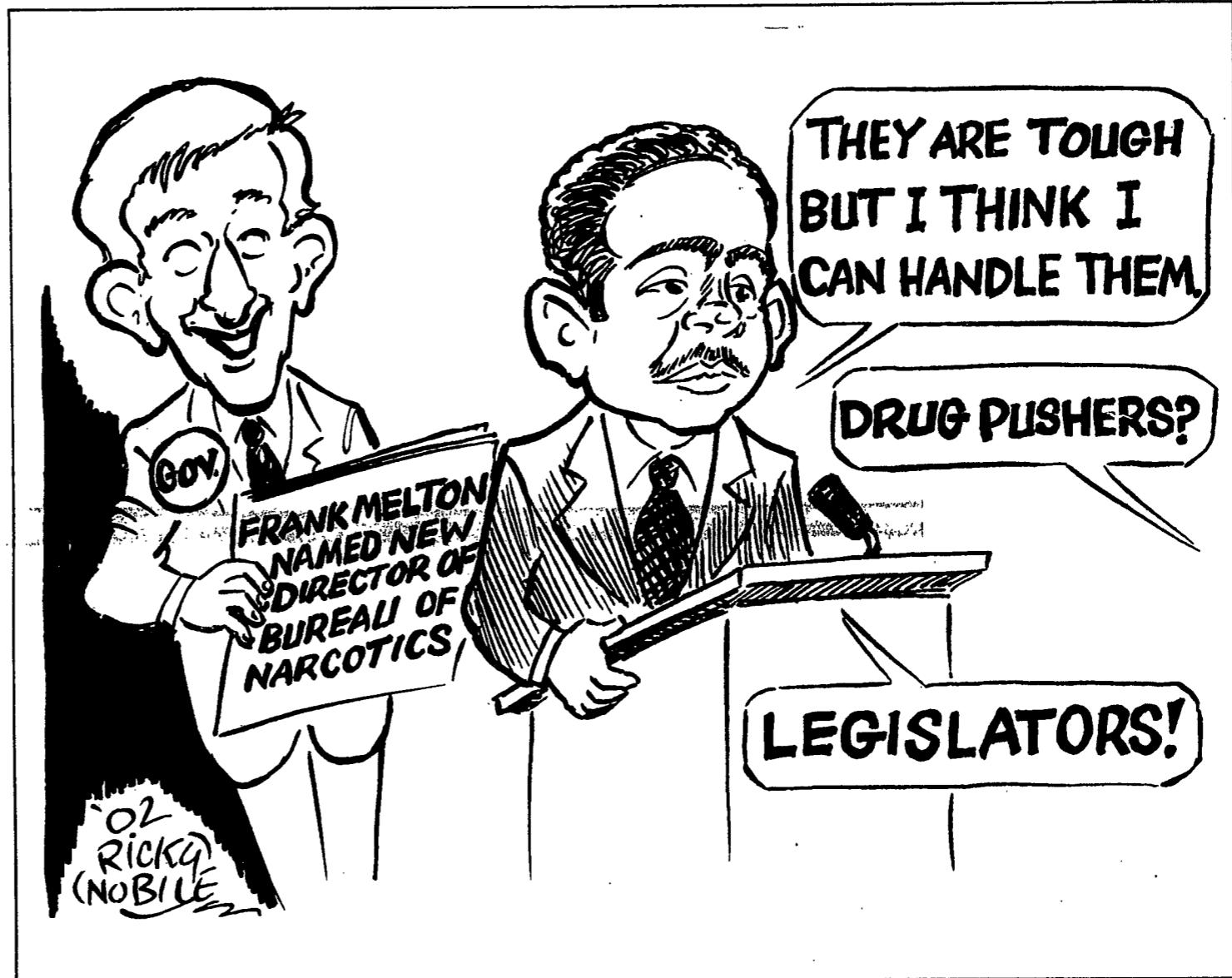
More than 32,000 classrooms will have an Internet-accessible computer. Hundreds of thousands of students around the state, from kindergarten through the 12th grade, will

have new opportunities to learn. Location or economic status will no longer be factors in the learning process.

A simple click of a mouse will put our students on equal footing, with students in Goodman having the same research capabilities as students in Gulfport.

Hundreds of Mississippi's students have also been busy developing their technological skills by actually building the computers destined for the classrooms. This fall, students from around the state have been participating in "blitz builds," one-day events resulting in dozens of new computers.

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Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Hancock Medical Center has better service than Ochsner

Dear Editor,

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The food has been amazing to me. Full, complete, beautiful meals.

The hospital is also kept very clean. I came in here on Tuesday, and now it is Friday evening.

I will be here another week, and I am actually looking forward to being here under the care of dedicated doctors, Dr. Edwin Davidson and Dr. Sidney Chevis.

Please always consider giving to our local hospital because I surely do recommend it.

Sincerely,
Janet Trapani Hitt
Bay St. Louis

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GENERAL

Q Does new legislation allow an elected municipal or county official to receive retirement payments from the Miss. Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) and limited compensation from the municipality or county for the elected position?

A Yes. House Bill 1148, effective July 1, 2002, revised Section 25-11-127 to allow compensation not to exceed 25% of the retiree's average

compensation from PERS.

Q Has new legislation changed the retainage requirement when partial payments are made for public construction contracts?

A Yes. House Bill 1562, effective July 1, 2002, revised Sections 31-5-25 and 31-5-33 to change the per cent retainage requirement to 5% on contracts of \$250,000 or more (any amount for a subcontractor), with a 2 1/2 per cent retainage after the contract is 50% complete; and, to require monthly reports of

payments to subcontractors.

Q Does new legislation allow county and municipal boards to impose an assessment to fund crime stopper programs?

A Yes. Senate Bill 2481, effective July 1, 2002, creates Section 45-39-17 to allow an assessment up to \$2.00 to be collected on criminal convictions in county and municipal courts.

Assessment collections must be settled to the Department of Public Safety. Section 45-39-15

was also revised to allow donations from the general fund to local crime stopper programs.

Q Has the purchase law been amended by new legislation?

A Yes. House Bill 5, effective July 1, 2002, amended Section 31-7-13 to require no bids or quotes for purchases up to \$3,500; at least two written bids (quotes) for purchases over \$3,500 to \$15,000, and advertised, sealed bids for purchases over \$15,000.

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Rotary Club Teachers of the Month



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The Bay Rotary Club's Teacher of the Month for October is Kathy Ott of Bay High School, shown here with Rotary Club education program chairman Bob Hubbard.

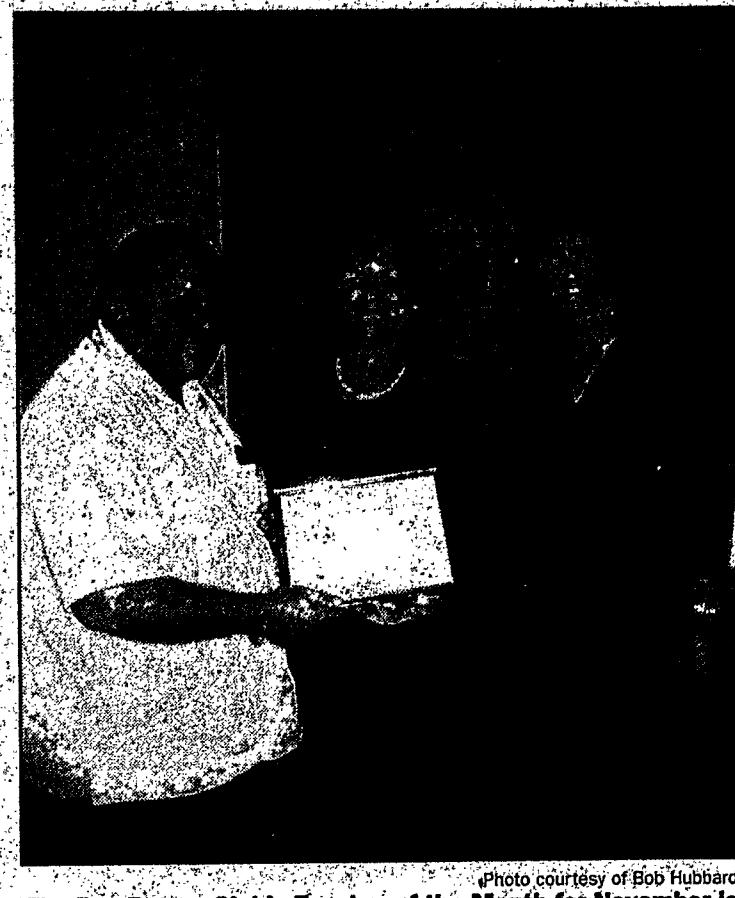


Photo courtesy of Bob Hubbard
The Bay Rotary Club's Teacher of the Month for November is Shannon Ladner of Waveland Elementary, shown here with Rotary Club education program chairman Bob Hubbard and Principal Rebecca McCaleb.

Kiln VFW 9th Annual Parade and Children's Christmas Party

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The VFW Kiln Memorial Post No. 6285 and Ladies Auxiliary will host the 9th Annual Cowboy Parade and Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 22nd. As in the past, the parade will begin at noon at the home of Robert Moran in Kiln and will feature horses, riders, and buggies.

The parade will end at the Kiln VFW around 2:00PM where children and families of the community will have an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. The VFW Post, Dole Fruits, Waveland Market, Diamondhead Market, Sav-A-Center and Winn-Dixie will provide refreshments.

All horses and wagons are invited to participate in the parade, however negative coggins documentation must be provided. Donations will also be accepted for the Waveland Animal Shelter. Can and dry pet NA, cat litter, old towels and blankets, and washing detergent would be greatly appreciated. For details concerning the parade and parade route, please contact Robert Moran at 255-6729.

The VFW will also welcome non-perishable food contributions, which will be distributed to local families during the holidays. For more details, please contact

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Please take notice that the regular Meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, which was held Tuesday, December 10, 2002 has been recessed and will reconvene at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 18, 2002.

Also note that immediately following the reconvened meeting, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen will open the regularly scheduled Wednesday December 18, 2002 meeting at 6:30 P.M.

All of the above meetings will be held in the Waveland City Hall Annex Building Board Room located at 307 Coleman Avenue.

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UMC's Santa Institute strives to 'answer' the tough questions

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Naughty or nice? The age-old debate may still be raging in households around the world, but there was nothing but kudos for the members of the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Santa Institute during their annual press conference.

Before a large and enthusiastic audience of media and special five-year-old guests from the Madison Ridgeland Academy Preschool, the members of the Santa Institute - Dr. Jim Hutchins, founder; Dr. Rebecca Waterer, Dr. David Dzielak; and Dr. Andrew Grady - presented their most recent discoveries regarding the magic of Santa's journey.

The Santa Institute strives to "study" many of the mysteries that have baffled children and adults for generations. Hutchins, associate professor of anatomy at UMC, and his panel of experts take questions submitted by the public and present their findings at the annual Santa Institute Press Conference.

The members of the team are always looking for new questions and concerns. They encourage girls and boys of all ages to submit questions at their special website, www.umc.edu/santa/.

The committee will share their thoughts with those submitting questions and make a collection of questions for next year's Santa Institute presentation. There also may be an opportunity to get some responses from Santa himself.

Before the press conference began, the Santa Institute members were named official "Honorary Santa Elves" by the Santa Elf Council (SEC).

In a special message sent from his workshop, Santa exclaimed, "You have earned this special designation because of your tireless and unending support of me and my endeavors. I challenge you to serve with pride and honor."

Special rights and benefits for being a Santa elf include, but are not limited to, special airline rates to and from Santa's Workshop, unlimited Christmas cookie eating privileges without the effects of the caloric intake,

and free membership to the Northpole Elf Fitness Center (Kringle Drive and Rudolph Way locations only).

The committee, Hutchins said, has worked feverishly this past year and they may have discovered one of the keys to Santa's magic.

"We obtained an image of Santa's head recently, and we've determined that he has an additional lobe in his brain. It may be the key to most of his supernatural abilities. This extra lobe of the brain allows Santa to know, for instance, when you've been sleeping or when you're awake," explains Hutchins.

"We also think that it may help him know when you've been bad or good, so it's the Institute's recommendation that all children be good, for goodness sake."

Dr. Andrew Grady, UMC's director of laboratory animal facilities, is the Santa Institute's on-call veterinarian, in case of an accident or injury involving the reindeer.

As in years past, Grady is prepared to spring into action if any of Santa's reindeer are injured during their visits to Mississippi homes. Since he has not had a reindeer mishap to respond to in the last three years, Grady has spent the majority of his Santa Institute time exploring the possible ways in which reindeer can fly.

"We all know that Santa's magic probably has the greatest effect on their flying abilities, but we are looking into the possibilities that reindeer may have hollow bones and supernatural speed to help them fly," Grady said.

Dr. David Dzielak, UMC's associate vice chancellor for research, has helped create the SET (Santa emission tomogra-

phy) scanner to monitor Santa's brain activity.

"It's obvious, by looking at the scans, that different portions of Santa's brain respond to those who have been naughty and those who have been nice. And the whole brain practically lights up when it comes to the snacks boys and girls leave behind. He's quite fond of them."

On the subject of Santa snacks, Dr. Rebecca Waterer, associate profes-

sor of medicine at UMC specializes in internal medicine and geriatrics and studies Santa's eating habits.

Waterer explains, "We've done an extensive study throughout the country. With the evidence presented, we've determined that Santa will eat just about anything, except fruitcakes. He hardly touches those."

Waterer encourages boys and girls to limit the num-

ber of cookies left for Santa and to consider healthy alternatives like carrots and raisins.

"We need to help him watch his weight and stay healthy if we want him to be around forever," she said. Waterer also studies Santa's "magical" abilities and is amazed at Santa's ability to enter any home.

"Santa appears to have unique abilities to contort his body, despite his enormous size, in order to fit

into very small areas. Our data suggests that Santa's skeleton is composed of a gelatinous polymer that allows these contortions.

"It allows him to squeeze down any chimney or through windowsills in homes where there isn't a chimney. No matter what the situation, if you've been good boys and girls, Santa will find a way into your house because it's that important to him."

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BY E.
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Mercy Ship makes its home on the Coast

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Last week, the Mississippi Gulf Coast became home to a brand new resident, the Caribbean Mercy, a ship that brings hope and healing to the unfortunate around the world. The ship, one of three, that sail the world offering medical care, relief, development and training will call the coast home for at least the next three years.

Ship personnel hope to deepen their relationship with residents along the coast. They will offer tours of the ship on Friday and Saturday from 1-8 p.m. and on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. through December 22.

The ship docked in Gulfport last January while undergoing needed repairs and renovations. The enthusiastic reception they got from people all along the coast was overwhelming, said Director of Port Relations Craig Snow.

"We hoped to recruit 50 people from the area to sign up to help and we ended up with 65," said Snow. "People just opened up to us and we sensed that this was an unusual place ... people across the coast were interested in extending a helping hand to the poor."

"With a home port relationship we hope to be an extension of the Mississippi



Photo by Bob Hubbard
Bay Rotary Club President Cary Trapani, right, welcomes Director of Port Relations Craig Snow at a recent meeting.

coastal community who will be reaching out to Central America," said Snow. "And we would also like to enhance that community."

As a good start to that idea, Mercy Ships sponsored the first annual five kilometer "Mercy Run" on Saturday. The event drew 257 runners and many more supporters and raised about \$21,000 for the Catholic Social and Community Services and the Salvation Army, Home of Grace and the Mercy Ships. The Mercy Ships will share in about 25 percent of the proceeds, said Snow.

On Friday, Director of Port Authority Don Allee

officially welcomed the Caribbean Mercy home in a presentation to Ship CEO Andrew Clark. Several speakers offered comments.

"You so often see events on the news that would give the impression that this is the worse country in the world," said Gulfport Mayor Ken Combs. "But as this ship floats into a foreign port no one has any question about what they are doing there ... we are helping people around the world ... this home port relationship will be a mutual meeting of needs."

Since 1987 Mercy Ships has treated more than 200,000 people in village

medical and dental clinics; performed over 100,000 dental treatments; performed more than 8,000 surgeries such as cleft lip and palate, tumor removal, cataract and cross eye surgery, and orthopedic and facial reconstruction; provided more than \$25 million worth of medical equipment, hospital supplies, and medicines in developing nations and completed over 350 construction and agriculture projects.

It is estimated, said Snow, that about 80 percent of illnesses around the world are the result of poor sanitation and the lack of clean drinking water causing 4 billion cases of diarrhea each year, with 2.5 million deaths as a result. Many of the victims are children and a child under five dies as a result every 15 seconds.

The estimated cost per person served is \$10. Crew and volunteers not only provide their services free of charge, but raise dollars to pay for the cost of their food and lodging while serving on the ship. For long time, core crew members, Mercy Ships have become the center of family life, with many raising their children on the ships as they travel the world.

Last week, the ship returned from a mission to the Honduras, and as with every mission, the crew and

volunteers return with amazing stories of prayers answered for the less fortunate in the world.

Tales were told about a village where the only source of water was contaminated with 70 percent feces, but the people were forced to use the water. Workers provided the people with a new well and education on sanitation.

There is a story of an eight year old who had been teased all her life because of crossed eyes, who now looks normal; the tale of a senior, bed ridden because of a hit and run accident who is walking again and the stories go on and on.

On January 9 the Caribbean Mercy will sail for the Dominican Republic on a new mission of hope. If you would like to volunteer you can contact the local office at 228-863-1454 or the toll free number at 1-800-Mercy Ships, or check the web site at www.mercyships.org.

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Thursday's robbery was of an individual as he returned home from an outing as the victim was closing his garage door. The three prior robberies were of a bank and two places of business, two of which happened last Sunday.

Varnell said, "Thursday's victim reported to officers he was approached by two black males, one possibly 6 ft. tall wearing a dark jacket and ski mask and the other wearing light colored clothing and ski mask. One suspect demanded all of the victim's money. The victim

said one suspect had a black handgun, possibly a semi-automatic and the 2nd suspect possibly also had a weapon."

"After receiving the victim's wallet, the suspects fled on foot toward Sycamore Street, fleeing with an undetermined

amount of money and victim's wallet and all its contents," Varnell said.

"A reward is possible for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any of the suspects in the recent robberies."

Waveland Police Department can be reached at 467-3669.

Investigator Howard Parker is in charge of the investigation.

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Crash -- man dies

During an autopsy and viewing of photos of the accident, Dr. Paul McGarry said the nature of the victim's injuries were consis-

tent with being struck in the back of his head, which was the probable cause of death, Luther said.

Others responding to the

accident included; Chief Investigator Bob Lambert, Investigators Kenny Hurt, Andre' Fizer and Rita Blaize-Watson.

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St. Stanislaus celebrates American Education Week

THE SEA COAST ECHO

St. Stanislaus College celebrated American Education Week to highlight the value of their student's education, present and future, Nov. 18-Nov. 22, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

The Activities Department and representatives of the Academic and Guidance Departments of the school sponsored the week-long commemoration.

Faculty members wore badges which named the colleges and universities from which they had received their highest degrees.

The students participated in a scavenger hunt around the school building in which they discovered information about the faculty as well as facts about education at St. Stanislaus and throughout the country.

Each day, seniors were featured on a bulletin board with the names of the colleges they applied to and the ones which had accepted them. Also, a map of the USA was on display to indicate the areas of the country in which the seniors have applied.

Also, student representatives from the Student Ministry Team, Student Council, National Honor Society, Key Club, and Youth Legislature offered brief announcements regarding their involvement in a club and how their participation in that particular club enhances their total



Faculty and staff members wore their university badges, from left, Brother Ronald Hingle, principal; master of education from Boston College; Pat Cousin, math teacher; bachelor of education from Nicholls State; Mary Dillenkoffer, reading teacher; master of education from University of Southeast Louisiana; Kate Jones, English teacher; master of education from Florida State University; and Dale Moran, social studies teacher; bachelor of history from University of Southern Mississippi.



Seniors Zach Mellen, left, Frederick Mannini, Paul Burnett, and Phillip OH stand next to one of the Education Facts.

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SPORTS

Hancock honors 2002 football players

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The Hancock High School football program held its annual awards banquet on Wednesday at the Hancock Commons.

The awards presented were middle school letters and team awards. The same was presented on the high school level with special awards being presented by Region 3-5A, Gulf Coast Athletic Conference and the Sea Coast Echo.

The middle school letter winners for the seventh grade first year players were Ryan Moran, Brently Necaise, Anthony Gearhart, Michael Breshears, Dustin Johnson, Cody Ladner, Beau Vincent, Tyler Gardner, Christopher Jochum, Beau Schubert, Chase McIver, Rinty Ladner, Branden Jordan, Ian Ferguson, Cedric Bolden, Richard Wall, Keith Wall, Kevin Wall, Samuel Luc, Daniel Younce, Aaron Baradell, William Woods, Colby Wall, Branden Hess, Michael Cuevas, and Cody Walsh.

First-year eighth graders receiving lettermen awards were Blaine Lee, Colton Ball, Lester Disher, Bryan Moran, Joseph Cunningham, Marvin Lynn, Patrick Ladner, Dustin Sackett, Trey McCloud, Rueben Breaux, Phillip Sullivan, Damian Perkins, Joshua Johnson, Matthew Laclefield, Eugene Bentrum, Nick Going, Seth Odham, Ben Cuevas, Micah Mitchell, and Justin Ladner.

The second-year letter winners from the eighth grade are Chris Matthews, Joshua Stockstill, and Terry Mosely. The Outstanding Offensive Lineman for the middle school was Nick Going. The Outstanding Defensive Back was Blaine Lee. The Outstanding Defensive Lineman Award was merited by Chase McIver. The Outstanding Defensive Back Award was presented to Bryan Moran.

The All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference first-team members were Bryan Moran, Blaine Lee, Chase McIver, and Nick Going. The honorable mention selections were Colton Ball, Trey McCloud, Brently Necaise, and Dustin Johnson.

The first-year letter winners for the varsity in the ninth grade are Shawn Botts, Chance Whitfield, John Howry, Patrick Gardner, Braxton Necaise, Justin Watts, Anthony Guidry, Ronnie Thomas, Mark Fairley, Corey O'rear, Russell Tanguis, Jacob Ruzicka, Arden Toms, E.J. Owens, Donovan Saucier, Glen Bonano, and Dennis Brown.

The first-year letter winners from the tenth grade are Paul Verin, Destin Thomas, Kalan Cuevas, Andrew Overal, and Justin Williams. The eleventh grade first-year letter winner were Darin Kilpatrick.

Patrick LeBlanc, Rodney Brueggert, Caitlin Green, Jonathon Green, Kyle Brown, and Kellie Bonano. Nick Narvaez and Maegan Thornton were the first-year letter winners from the senior class.

Second-year letter winners from the tenth grade were Mike Long, Justin Kopf, Andrew Wariyah, Steve Dauenhauer, Scott Nesom, Jonathon Lacoste, Aaron Lewis, Travis Hall, and Anthony Lind. The winners from the eleventh grade were Matthew Rayborn, B.J. Stutts, Joseph Waterman, Dale Stennett, Patrick Mondy, Jerrod Barrois, Michael Payton, and Joshua Brehl. Peter Trosclair was the lone winner from the senior class.

The third-year letter winners from the eleventh grade were Charles Bolden, David Brown, Robert Domke, Myron Fairley, Daniel Spiers, Eddie Bledsoe, Tyler Ball, Gerald Adams, Donald Hains, Charlie Carroll, and Wesley Oliver. Nick Hume and Chris Jones were the two winners from the senior class.

The fourth-year senior letter winners were Brandon Necaise, Ricky Underwood, Ervin Jackson, Darren Elliott, Alan Pace, Steven Guidos, and Lacey Grimes.

Several athletes were named to the Hawk Club for achieving a predetermined number of "Hawks" for their position. Those players included Steven Guidos, Donald Hains, Matt Rayborn, Darren Elliott, Nick Hume, Myron Fairley, Charles Bolden, Jerrod Barrois, Robert Domke, Ricky Underwood, Brandon Necaise, David Brown, Ervin Jackson, and Eddie Bledsoe.

The junior varsity players voted to the All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference first-team were Wesley Oliver, Daniel Spiers, Mike Long, and Jon Lacoste. The honorable mention selections were Dale Stennett, Jon Luc, Braxton Necaise, and Darrin Kilpatrick.

The varsity members honored with first-team selection to the Region 3-5A team were Brandon Necaise, Ricky Underwood, Ervin Jackson, Nick Hume, David Brown, and Matt Rayborn. The honorable mention selections were Darren Elliott, Charles Bolden, Jerrod Barrois, Steven Guidos, Robert Domke, Eddie Bledsoe, and Donald Hains.

The Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award was presented to Gerald Adams. Ervin Jackson brought home the Outstanding Offensive Back Award. The Outstanding Defensive Lineman Award was merited by Darren Elliott. Eddie Bledsoe was voted the Outstanding Defensive Back. The Hawk Award is presented to the team's Most Outstanding Player. Ricky Underwood

received the 2002 Hawk Award.

Each coach presents a Coaches Award to a specific player in their respective position on the team. The Coaches Award recipients were Jerrod Barrois, Nick

Hume, Robert Domke, Charles Bolden, Alan Pace, Steven Dauenhauer, David Brown, and Brandon Necaise. The Sports Medicine Leadership Award was presented to Steven Guidos and Donald Hains.

The Coaches Award for a non-player is sponsored by the Booster Club and was presented to coach Jeremy Weir.

The Sea Coast Echo presented first-team and honorable mention selections

for their All-Sea Coast Echo team which can be seen in this edition on page B-1. The Sea Coast Echo also awarded its Offensive Player of the Year award to quarterback Brandon Necaise.

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Obituaries

**JOSEPH BATES
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JUDITH MAUFFRAY
GARNER
FLORENCE ONEILL
DANIEL STENKLYFT
ARRIE WINTERS**



JOSEPH BATES

Joseph Preston (Jo Jo) Bates, 21, of Bay St. Louis, MS., died at his home on Friday, December 13, 2002.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis, a 1999 graduate of Hancock High School, a Catholic and member of St. John's Catholic Church, Lakeshore.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Preston and Isabelle St. Amant.

Survivors include: his mother, Glenda Bates of Bay St. Louis; father, Luke Bates, Sr. of Waveland; his fiancé, Crystal Chiciro of Bay St. Louis; two brothers, Luke Bates, Jr. and Stephen Bates, both of Bay St. Louis; paternal grandparents, Eloy Bates and Elizabeth Summers, both of Bay St. Louis; six uncles, Doug St. Amant, Mike Simpson, Peter Bates, Paul Bates, Mark Bates and Charles Bates all of Bay St. Louis; one aunt, Lillian Ladner of DeLisle.

A visitation will be held Monday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. until noon at St. John's Catholic Church, Lakeshore, followed by a Christian Burial Mass at noon.

Interment will follow in the Bayou La Croix Cemetery, Bayou La Croix Community.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**CHERYL LYNN
BARKEMEYER**

Cheryl Lynn Johnson Barkemeyer, 46, of Bay St. Louis, MS., died, Thursday, December 12, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

She as a native of Oceanside, CA and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS for the past five years. She graduated from Marion Abramson High School in New Orleans, LA. She was the inspiration for Cheryl's Pedal pushers, a cycling team that participated in the MS Tour to raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Louisiana Chapter.

Survivors include: a daughter, Brandy Barkemeyer; father and stepmother, Dale and Helen Johnson of Kingston Springs, TN; mother and stepfather, Carolyn and Paul May of Pearlington, MS; two brothers, Brian Johnson and Richard Johnson; sister, Melinda Pascarelli, Houma, LA; and grandmother, Helen Larmann, Muscle Shoals, AL.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family prefers donations to: National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 3615 Service Rd., Suite 101, Metairie, LA or Dunbar Village, 725 Dunbar

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Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

**JUDITH MAUFFRAY
GARNER**

Judith "Mimi" Mauffray Garner, 92, died Nov. 29, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Garner was a faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. She was a member of the PTO, the Mothers Club, the Alter Society, the American Cancer Society, and coordinator of Reach to Recovery. She was retired from the Mississippi State Welfare Department where she was supervisor of the food stamp program.

She was preceded in death by her husband Currie C. Garner, granddaughter Cathy Seely, six brothers and sisters and parents Joseph and Dora Mauffray.

Survivors include two daughters Gail Seely of Moss Point and Janet Middleton of Laurel; a sister Oleah M. Delph of St. Louis, MO.; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews and many in-laws.

Services will be held on Monday, Dec. 16 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with Rosary at 9:30 a.m., visitation from 10 a.m. and Mass at 11 a.m. Father Ron Herzog will officiate. Internment will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery. The Knights of Columbus will serve as pallbearers. Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

The family requests memorials be made to Immaculate Conception

School, South Central Regional Medical Center Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

**FLORENCE G.
ONEILL**

Florence Gowers Oneill, 84, of Bay St. Louis, MS., died Wednesday, December 11, 2002, in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS.

DANIEL STENKLYFT

Daniel Scott Stenklyft, 35, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, in Picayune.

Mr. Stenklyft was a native of Picayune. He was of the Baptist faith and a member of Steephollow Baptist Church, Steephollow Community.

Survivors include his parents, James and Wanda Smith Stenklyft of Poplarville; two brothers, Kirk and Derek Stenklyft, both of Poplarville; a sister, Renee Rainey of Gulfport; and six grandchildren.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Steephollow Baptist Church, Steephollow Community. Burial was private.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of the arrangements.

ARRIE WINTERS

Arrie A. Pickett Winters, 89, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Winters was a native of Meadville and attended Meadville schools. She was employed as a housekeeper and was a member of Mercy Seat Missionary Baptist Church, Gulfport.

She was preceded in

death by her husband, Percy Winters; her parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Huff Pickett; brothers; and two stepsisters.

Survivors include two sisters, Mary P. Norwood and Colanthia A. Williams both of Gulfport.

Services were held at Mercy Seat Missionary Baptist Church with burial in Monroe Memorial Park in Landon.

J.T. Hall Funeral Home Inc. in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.



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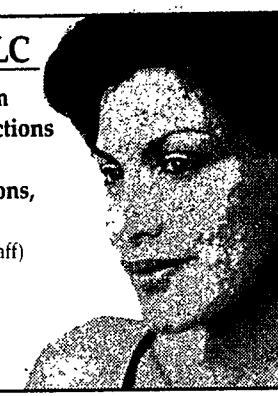
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Memorial service for Edith Back

A memorial service for Edith Bierhorst Back will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at 316 Carroll Ave., Bay St. Louis.

Back, 79, died Nov. 29 in Bay St. Louis after a brief illness. A native of New Orleans, back spent 20 years in social work before switching to a career in journalism. She retired in 1988 from The Sun Herald.

Back's civic activities included acting and directing for Bay St. Louis Little Theatre and Waveland Players, helping people with AIDS and editing the Hancock County Historical Society's "Historian."

Library's story hours take holiday break

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The children's story hours at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, December 18, 25 and January 1, 2003. Story hours will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2003.

The story hours scheduled at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, December 19, 26 and January 2, 2003, will not be held. They will resume on Thursday, January 9, 2003.

Weekly story hours are held September through

May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Bank announces officer promotions

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel announced officer promotions approved recently by the Hancock Holding Company and Hancock Bank board of directors:

William D. Anderson, Assistant Vice President. Operations officer and Host Delivery Applications team leader Anderson is a Pascagoula native. He graduated from Pascagoula High School and received a bachelor of science degree in business administration as a University of Southern Mississippi accounting and information systems major.

Marilyn Brown, Assistant Vice President. Brown, a 12-year financial services veteran originally from Evansville, IN, earned a master of business administration degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and graduated from the Cannon Financial Institute Private Banking School. She is currently enrolled in the College of Financial Planning. The former Hancock Bank community relations director has served in high-level leadership capacities with numerous Gulf Coast civic and social organizations, including board positions with the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, and Kids Voting Mississippi. A Gulfport private banking officer, Brown is also a Leadership Gulf Coast graduate.

Corinne Lunsford-Buchholz, Assistant Vice President. Long Beach native Buchholz has 25 years of financial services experience. A Long Beach High School graduate who attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Buchholz joined Hancock Bank in 1997 as an operations officer in the bank's ATM department. Now ATM department manager, Buchholz has completed Hancock University's Leadership School and numerous computer training courses. She is a mem-



Anderson **Brown** **Buchholz** **Burge**



Byrd **Davis** **Young** **Fontenot**

ber of the Exchange Club and has been an American Heart Association team leader. Additionally, Buchholz is president of the Long Beach High School cheerleaders booster club and past treasurer of Long Beach Youth Baseball.

Kristi V. Burge, Assistant Vice President. Loan officer Burge manages Hancock Bank's Triangle branch and has been with Hancock Bank for almost ten years. She is former branch manager of the East Ocean Springs branch. A native of Hurley, Burge graduated from East Central High School in Hurley and attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

She currently holds a Mississippi annuity license and completed Hancock University's Retail Management Tract and Commercial Credit School. Burge is a member of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and the Mississippi Young Bankers Association. She also assists with the Jackson County Trade Show and United Way membership drives.

Ginger Byrd, Assistant Vice President. Long Beach native and Pass Christian resident Byrd serves Hancock Bank as a savings officer in CD/IRA sales at the company's main Gulfport office. A graduate of Long Beach High School, she attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community

College and received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. She joined Hancock Bank 23 years ago. Byrd is a member of the Carnival Association of Long Beach.

Scheila Davis, Assistant Vice President. Biloxi resident and operations officer Davis manages Hancock Bank's Deposit Operations department. She joined the company in May 1994 and has over 10 years of financial services industry experience. Davis has completed Alltel's IMPACS System Operations and Processing and Consumer Lending through the Institute of Financial Education.

Macey Fisher-Young, Assistant Vice President. Fisher-Young, a Hancock Bank Management Development graduate, joined the company as small business segment product manager in 1999 and now manages the Hancock product group. Young, a Gulfport native, is a Gulfport High School graduate with a bachelor of business administration degree in banking and finance, management, and managerial finance from The University of Mississippi. She recently received a master of business administration degree from William Carey College and graduated in 2002 from the Mississippi School of Banking as class president.



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From the left are Sue & Long, Sean Johnson, and the managers, note the missing Ernest Scott, Michaela, and Dennis Whittington, Brian Gregorius, Scott Ladd, and the new Casino Magic's new general manager, Scott Johnson. The new staff was recently added to the Casino Magic's team. The new staff includes Dennis Scott, Michaela, and Sean Johnson, and the new general manager, Scott Johnson.

SUPERVISORS OF THE 4TH QUARTER



Chilimigras serves second term as HMC chief of staff

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The medical staff of Hancock Medical Center has re-elected family medicine physician Roberta M. Chilimigras president for the 2002-2003 term.

Pathologist J. D. Rutherford III was elected vice president, and internal medicine specialist James C. Crittenden was named secretary.

Members-at-large are obstetrician/gynecologist Keith Goodfellow, internal medicine specialist/pulmonologist Sayeed Aziz, orthopedic surgeon Tomas Flores and emergency department physician Sean Appleyard. Anesthesiologist Dale Loiacano is past president.

Dr. Chilimigras is a native of Ohio and has been on the active staff of



Roberta Chilimigras, MD
Hancock Medical Center

Ohio State University and completed internships at Bronson Medical Hospital and rotation in Kalamazoo, Mich.

She completed one year of rehabilitation residency at Chicago Rehab Institute in Chicago, Ill., and practiced in Michigan, Senatobia, Miss. and Slidell before opening an office in Waveland.

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Mississippi, for a consecutive year. MHC is expecting to surpass last year's attendance of more than 375 participants, generating even more of an economic impact for the state. For more information visit MHC's web site at www.mshc.com.

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We call those people 'good deed-doers'

A stranger in need is a friend, indeed

A group of us were talking the other day about various things when the subject turned to what constitutes a good deed. We argued for a bit and finally settled on basic criteria that seemed to satisfy all.

The deeds we were talking about had to be a small, pleasant deed that helped in some way the person receiving the deed and (the group consensus was unanimous on this point) was equally as pleasant to the person doing the deed.

We also agreed that the person doing the deed did it with no sense of receiving a reward beyond a thank you and a sincere smile. In fact anything beyond that would be embarrassing to both parties.

Did you ever do a good deed?

Then the conversation turned to two back-to-back questions: did you ever do a good deed, and have you ever received or had a good deed done to you. This produced a lot of soul searching and, best of all, a lot of laughter. As a great topic of conversation, it kept us busy for quite a while.

Most of the good deeds described were personal so I won't repeat them here. But I will tell of my good deed, not to receive any acclaim, but because it was a fun thing to do. Then I will tell of the good deed done to me, because, bless them, it seemed to me the doers had had fun doing what they did.

I was driving along Central Avenue, the road beside the railroad tracks

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It was a few days before Christmas and it was cold, there had been a rain and the roads had scattered patches of ice.

Ahead of me was a car followed by a pickup truck. Suddenly the car slid on a patch of ice and went sideways into the ditch.

The pickup driver, swerving to avoid the sliding car, came to a stop just beyond, while I pulled up a few feet behind the car in the ditch.

'What they did for us took a little gas and an hour or so of their time, but in doing so, they got into the hearts of four guys and we often spoke about them afterwards, with fondness and respect.'

As I got out I could see a woman

and two children, their faces staring out at me through the closed windows of the slanting car. They looked scared, and there were packages that looked like presents in the back.

The man in the truck had also gotten out and had a towrope in his hand. I dropped to the ground in front of the ditched car and slid under the front bumper. The man reached in and handed me the towrope that I attached to a hook conveniently placed for occasions such as this. I gave it a hard tug to check it and slid out.

The man had connected

the other end of the rope to the ball on his bumper and was already back in his truck, looking inquiringly back at me. I looked at the way the car was situated somewhat slanted in the shallow ditch and went around to the down side of the car.

I motioned to the truck to go, pushing as I did the car toward the road, hoping it wouldn't fish tail back at me. I was lucky, it didn't. The truck pulled the towline taut and the car came out of the

ditch smoothly and sat on the road as if nothing had happened.

I quickly slipped under the car, unhooked the towrope, tossed it in the back of the truck, waved at the driver, and he drove off.

As I passed the woman's car on the way back to my own, she rolled down the window and said thanks; the children around her just stared and smiled. I smiled back, got in my car and drove off.

The whole thing must have taken about a minute

and a half, from when I stopped to when I drove off. Except for the woman's rather startled thanks, not a word had been said.

But think about it. I felt good, the pickup's driver felt good and the women in the car felt good. I doubt if any of us had thought much about it in the years since this happened, and in fact till the group conversation I described, I had never said really said anything about it to anyone.

On the flip side, the deed done to me was a little like that.

One good turn deserves another

I was involved in taking a census of the whale and porpoise population in a hundred-mile square in the Gulf, eighty miles south of Mobile. I flew with two other marine scientists and a pilot in a two-engine Cessna out of Stennis airport just a few miles north of my house.

The trips averaged about five hours each, which in the cramped tiny plane with all our instruments was rather tiring. It was like taking a long bumpy trip in an old Volkswagen Beetle with three other grown men and all our luggage.

For the sake of variety, we broke the trips up into two parts: a three-hour segment, a break and then a two-hour segment. We used the break to get a light lunch at one of the several small airports that line the Coast.

One day we decided to

try to lunch at a small landing strip on the eastern end of Dauphin Island, one of the populated barrier islands.

The concrete landing strip was all there was there, no buildings, nothing. We landed, and locking up, walked a short distance to the main road. Once there, we stood, looking around, wondering which way to go. There didn't seem to be a building in sight in any direction.

On the flip side, the deed done to me was a little like that.

A pickup truck came down the road and one of us stuck out his thumb. The truck stopped and two teen-age girls stared at us curiously. I guess we did look rather odd, four men standing by the side of the road with nothing visible around us indicating how we got there.

"We just landed on the strip back there," said the pilot by way of explanation, "and were wondering which way we should walk to get something to eat."

The girls laughed. "You would have had a long walk. Hop in back and we'll take you."

We jumped in the back of the pickup and enjoyed the fresh air and the view as the girls drove us several miles to a pleasant little restaurant on the beach.

We climbed out, thanked the girls and went inside to the coolness of the restaurant.

We picked out a large table and chairs that allowed us to stretch our legs and relaxed. We enjoyed a nice seafood lunch, talking and kidding

each other, trying to make the meal last as long as possible, none of us anxious to get back into the cramped plane.

Finally, we got up to pay and to ask the cashier if there was some type of taxi that could take us back to our aircraft.

As we paid, we heard a voice, "Are you ready to go back?" We turned startled. There were the two girls sitting at a small table by the door.

There were two Barq's root beers in front of them that they had evidently been nursing along all the time we had been talking and eating. We offered to pay for the root beer, but they laughed and said that they had already taken care of it.

We piled in the back of the truck and the girls climbed in the front and we were driven back to where the plane sat all alone, baking in the sun on the long strip of concrete. The girls stayed, watched us get in the aircraft, taxi, and take off. We circled, dipped our wings and went back to our survey.

They were two very nice people.

What they did for us took a little gas and an hour or so of their time, but in doing so, they got into the hearts of four guys and we often spoke about them afterwards, with much of the fondness and respect that I'm doing here.

No good deed goes unloved.

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Football--All-Sea Coast Echo Football Team

The three-year starter set the all-time receiving marks of most catches with 93, most receiving yards with 1,366 and had a long reception of 77 yards. He scored 10 touchdowns on passes during his career with an average catch of 14.69 yards. In 2002, Willis also was the team's leading rusher with 554 yards on 118 carries and two scores with a long run of 52 yards. Willis is drawing some attention for his football skills but is also the point guard for the No. 12-ranked Rock basketball team.

The defensive side of the ball is led by the one-man wrecking crew defensive linemen Frederick Mallini of St. Stanislaus. Mallini, a 6-0, 230-pound nose guard, has started for the Rocks four consecutive years. He totaled 88 tackles on the season with 20 tackles for loss for minus-72 yards. From his defensive line position, Mallini forced two fumbles, recovered a fumble, had two quarterback hurries, and picked off a pass. On his career, he tallied 119 total tackles while also doubling up as an offensive tackle for SSC. Mallini is ranked in the top three in his class and has all the tools necessary to compete and play at the next level. He is the true definition of a team leader on and off the field. Recruiters are beginning to take notice of the 2002 Defensive Player of the Year.

Other first team members on the defense are DL Jimmy Blount of Bay High, DL Matt Scarborough of Pass Christian, DL Darren Elliott of Hancock, DL Kit Stovall of SSC, LB Lee Klein of SSC, LBs Charles Bolden and Robert Domke of Hancock, LB Ledeal Johnson of Pass Christian, DB Chad Musgrove of Pass Christian, DB Ashton Wright of SSC, DB Jake Pearce of Bay High, DB Eddie Bledsoe of Hancock, and P Jeremy Keller of SSC.

Jimmy Blount of Bay High has started on the defensive line for one season. He is representative of the youth movement on the Tiger squad. The 6-0, 180-pound sophomore recorded 43 tackles in 2002 with 10 tackles for loss.

Matt Scarborough, a 5-10, 260-pound senior, has started for two years for the Pirates. In 2002 he tallied 47 tackles.

Darren Elliott has started for the Hancock Hawks for two years at the nose guard position. This season, the 6-0, 235-pound wrecking ball, had 50 tackles and recovered two fumbles. He was instrumental in the late season defensive uprising of Hancock which helped

times. Stovall, a true workhorse, played the game like it is supposed to be played - with passion.

Sophomore linebacker Lee Klein of SSC leads the second row of defenders. The 5-11, 185-pound two-year starter led his team in tackles with 116 including 37 solo stops. He also had an interception returned for a score and two quarterback sacks. A two-time first-team selection, the young linebacker has two more seasons to suit up in the red and black and to make opposing offenses black and blue.

Charles Bolden has played two seasons at linebacker for the Hawks. Both he and teammate, Robert Domke, are juniors and have one more shot with the Hawks. Domke is a 6-0, 200-pounder while Bolden stands 5-10 and 175 pounds. Bolden recorded 53 tackles while Domke added 57 tackles and an interception. The juniors led a talented linebacking corps for Hancock that many said was the best group in South Mississippi. The Hawks lose just one linebacker from that fearsome foursome this year.

Ledeal Johnson, a 5-9, 155-pound junior, played outside linebacker for the Pass Christian Pirates in 2002. It was his second season as a full-time starter. Johnson recorded 101 tackles in 2002 and will help anchor the defense in 2003 for the Pass Christian.

Chad Musgrove played safety for the pirates this season. Musgrove stands 6-4 and weighs in at 190 pounds. He picked off two passes in the backfield while recording 41 tackles. Musgrove possesses the height that schools are looking for in the defensive backfield. Look for Musgrove to be on some wish lists to start the 2003 season.

Ashton Wright, a 5-8, 190-pound vicious hitter, played cornerback for the Rocks. He started two seasons in the defensive backfield and led the team with two interceptions this year. Wright totaled 47 tackles on the season while splitting time in the offensive backfield where he gained 125 yards on 48 carries and scored three times. Wright possessed the speed and tenacity that enabled him to gain his fearless reputation.

Jake Pearce, a senior defensive back from Bay High, totaled 63 tackles and three fumble recover-

ies for the young Tigers. One of a handful of seniors, the 5-11, 175-pound three-year starter provided strong leadership for the younger players on the squad.

Eddie Bledsoe, a 5-8, 165-pound junior, played cornerback for the Hawks on their run to the Shrimp

Bowl. The first-year starter tallied 33 tackles and had two interceptions. New to the defensive backfield, other teams were quick to throw his way. But, just as quickly, they learned to throw away from him.

SSC's Jeremy Keller is a two-time selection at punter. Keller, a 5-11, 180-pound senior, averaged 34 yards per punt on 55 kicks. He placed seven kicks inside the 20 yard-line - three inside the 20, two inside the 10, and two inside the 5 yardline. Keller has held the starting position for two seasons. His determination at his specialty has spurned interest from several area schools.

Honorable mention selections from Bay High are OL Tony Marino, WR Robbie Pitre, TE/DB Brad Ladner, QB Zack Ferry, LB Shawn Moran, LB Trevor Adam, and AP

player Lorenzo Lewis.

The Hancock Hawks honorable mention selections are OL Travis Hall, TE Steven Dauenhauer, RB Ervin Jackson, DL Nick Hume, and LB Jarrod Barrois. Pass Christian placed TE Fergus Bradley, QB/DB Robert Hargrove, and DL Anthony Hall.

St. Stanislaus placed WR Jeremy Lewis, RB Matt Hoda, LB Jordan Ellis, DB Floyd Dedeaux, and PK Michael Kivlan.

With gridiron 2002 ended, all the returning players can begin to work toward the dreams for 2003. We wish the seniors of all four area teams the best in their future endeavors. We look for bright things to come from the underclassmen who take over their roles. Now, we just have to wait for the next change of seasons - next up spring training. See you at the game!



Brandon Necaise
Senior quarterback Brandon Necaise of Hancock High School threw for 1,035 yards and 9 touchdowns this year. He tossed 41 touchdown passes which set an all-time mark for the Hawks. His career passing yards topped 3,900 yards. He also helped the Hawks to an 8-4 record while also playing safety and punter.

On defense, Necaise recorded 26 tackles and three interceptions. He punted 30 times for 944 yards for a 31-yard average. He led the Hawks to a victory in the tradition rich 63rd annual Shrimp Bowl over East Central. Necaise will be a huge loss in the lineup after holding his position as a four-year starter which saw him establish a record of 27-17 under center. Necaise possesses the tangible, as well as the intangible, assets to play at the next level and is a hot item on the recruiting market.

lead the team to the post-season appearance in the Shrimp Bowl.

Kit Stovall, a 6-1, 205-pound senior defensive end, showed tremendous courage late in the season after tearing the ACL in his knee. Stovall sat out one game and returned for the team's playoff game against South Pike.

Despite playing in tremendous pain, Stovall used courage and leadership to show younger players what it is like to play the game. Stovall 50 tackles during the season including nine tackles for loss. In his two-year career as a starter, Stovall tallied 138 tackles including 36 for loss totaling minus-171 yards. He also sacked the quarterback 14



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Weddings

Comprettas, Christian wed in lavish Bay ceremony

Our Lady of the Gulf Church was the setting for the December 14th Marriage of Jessica Leigh Comprettas of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and Chad Christian Caillet of Luling, Louisiana.

The Bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joseph Comprettas of Bay St. Louis. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick Keith of Jonesboro, Louisiana and the late Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Paul Comprettas of Bay St. Louis.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerwin Eli Caillet of Luling, Louisiana. He is the grandson of Mr. Wayne John Laue and the late Mrs. Marie Alleman Laue of Luling, Louisiana and Mr. and Mrs. Marcelin Eli Caillet of Hahnville, Louisiana.

Father Michael Paul Austin celebrated a Nuptial Mass at the afternoon ceremony with Father Cuddy O'Connell serving as Con-Celebrant.

Musical selections were presented by soloists, Joni Kinneman Comprettas, sister-in-law of the Bride; Mandy Hudson Lacy; Darleen Previto and David Branch. The Violinist was Marsel Lanasa; trumpeter, Earl Tanner; the guitarist, David Branch; the organist and Director of Music was Edward M. Grotkowsky. The wedding party entered to Pachabel's "Canon in D", followed by the Bell Ringers, with the chiming of the hour and entering to "Ode To Joy", henceforth followed by the Ring Bearer and the Flower Girl. The Procession was followed with Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary" heralding the entrance of the Bride.

The Recessional was Psalm XIX by Marcello. Shubert's "Ava Maria" was played as a violin solo and Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer" as well as "Eternity" for the Lighting of the Unity Candle were sung by soloists.

The scripture readings were rendered by Monica Caillet, Aunt of the Groom; Christy Steib, cousin of the Groom and Mynette Zimmer, Godmother of the Groom.

The Gift bearers and Greeters were; Jami Pauline Chiniche, Amy Comprettas Goscinski, Jacqueline Mary Sotak, and Ledier Austin Walker, all cousins of the Bride.

As the proud father walked down the aisle, with daughter in arm, the room was filled with shimmering mists of light, which reflected beautifully from the Brides exquisite jeweled gown. The strapless "Cinderella gown" was embellished with seed pearls, rhinestones and ruffles. The designer gown of sparkling misty organza and French tulle featured a basque bodice overlaid with pearly and sequined schiffli embroidered lace, which generously lavished tulle panels extending from the fitted waistline and falling into the six layered full bouffant skirt. The draping back bow of diaphanous white satin led delicately to the chapel train of gossamer stardust tulle and jeweled motif. Her veil with three tiers of French tulle was edged with white satin ribbon and fell in adornment to fingertip length from her princess designed tiara of rhinestones and crystals. Her jewelry was a pearl and diamond necklace with matching earrings, which was a gift from her parents. The bridal ensemble was completed with a pair of white opera length gloves with pearl clasp and jeweled "Cinderella slippers".

The bridal bouquet was a classical posy of two



Mrs. Jessica Leigh Comprettas Christian

dozen white roses, which was accented with a jeweled clutch and wide white satin ribbon, which caught the stems and fell into streamers.

Connally Comprettas Scardino of Pass Christian, Mississippi, attended her sister as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Brittany Keaton Benefield of Covington, Louisiana; Miranda Smith Comprettas of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi; Angie Richardson Farve of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi; Shelley Donay Guilliams of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Deborah Kay Monti of New Orleans, Louisiana; Ashley Elizabeth Riggs of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Susan Elizabeth Sullivan of Smyrna, Georgia.

The attendants were identically attired in gowns of ice blue brocade satin and tulle. The gowns featured a halter neckline and fitted bodice accented with a lace up back above a full tulip floor length skirt.

To stay in accordance with the "Winter Wonderland" wedding theme, the bridesmaids carried white fur muffs adorned with a sparkling white snowflake.

The flower girl was Maycee Maleah Scardino, niece and Godchild of the bride. Her gown was an original "princess style" satin and tulle creation designed especially for the wedding with rhinestone tiara to replicate the bride.

The Bell ringers, who ceremoniously brought in "the chiming of the hour", were Mattison Melynn Scardino, niece of the bride; Cassady Marie Comprettas, niece of the bride and Robert Joseph Comprettas, III, nephew of the bride.

Darren Michael Caillet of Luling, Louisiana and brother of the groom, served as the best man.

Groomsmen were, Brennan Keith Comprettas of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi; Robert Joseph Comprettas, Jr. of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi; Jason Michael Donnau of Destrehan, Louisiana; Michael Anthony Federico of Meridian, Mississippi; Jared William Martin of Gulf Breeze, Florida; Robert Brady Mills of Diamondhead, Mississippi; and Jeffrey Marion Todd of Columbus, Ohio.

Ushers were Matthew Herrick Baltz of Madison, Florida Christopher Lee Hesse of Omaha, Nebraska and Matthew Joseph Scardino of Pass Christian, Mississippi.

The Ringbearer was Cooper Jacob Comprettas, nephew and Godchild of the bride.

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In November, a "Honey-D" and Bridal shower was hosted by Diane Caillet, Shelley Guilliams, Christy Steib, Monica Caillet, Karen Caillet and Mynette Zimmer in the home of the grooms parents in Luling, Louisiana.

The Bridal Luncheon, hosted by Karen Comprettas, mother of the bride, was held on the eve of the wedding at "The

Chimneys Restaurant" in Gulfport.

Prior to the wedding, a formal rehearsal dinner was given for the wedding party at "The Palace in the Pass", historical Beachfront Mansion, located on Scenic Drive in Pass Christian, Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Kerwin Caillet, the parents of the groom, hosted the gala affair. The bridal couple was showered with many toasts and well wishes.

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Wednesday: Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Bacon Burger, Seasoned Potato, Coleslaw, Fresh Banana, Strawberry Blend, Mexican Cornbread

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Wednesday: Salisbury Steak with Gravy, Ham and Cheese Poboy, Creamed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Garlic Bread, Crackers, Jell-O

Thursday: Turkey with Dressing, Corn Dog Nuggets, Yam Patties, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Apple, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Friday: Chicken Spaghetti, Pizza, French Fries, Broccoli with Cheese, Baby Carrot Sticks with Dip, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

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LUNCH

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All menus subject to change.

Patty Sub, Stuffed-crust Pizza, Baked Tater Tots, Southern Greens, Coleslaw, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday: Fried Fish, Cheeseburger, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Sliced Orange Wedges, Fruit Juice, Hushpuppies, Crackers, Peanut Butter Cookies

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LUNCH

Monday: Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Rib

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Make-A-wish Foundation holds Playhouse fundraiser

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi will hold its first Coast Playhouse fundraiser to benefit Mississippi Coast children who are battling life-threatening illnesses.

For a \$1 donation, donors' names will go into a drawing for a life size 6' by 8' child's playhouse. The Harrison County Sheriff's Department is building a dream come true house for some lucky little boy or girl.

The drawing will be Dec. 20. Tickets for this charming playhouse are available at The Peoples Bank branches, Coast Electric locations and will be available at Art of the Season.

By purchasing tickets, individuals will help the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi raise much needed funds to grant wishes for children here at home.

Individuals may also call the Coast office at 228-575-8691 to purchase tickets or charge tickets to a credit card.

"We are really excited about our Coast Playhouse fundraiser this year," said Shellie Moses, Gulf Coast coordinator. "This is a fundraiser that everyone can get involved in. Parents can buy tickets for their children, and kids can even enter themselves. Grandparents can purchase tickets in honor of their grandchildren, and employers can buy tickets as extra Christmas goodies for their employees who have children."

"We also appreciate any extra donations that may be included with the purchase of playhouse tickets," explained Moses. "We are experiencing a phenomenal growth in the number of children we are serving and are dependent on community support to help raise the funds to make these children's wishes come true."

"We are currently working on almost 50 wishes for Mississippi children, 12 of those children are here on the Coast. This means more brave children who are dealing with more than any child should ever have to

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Births

BRENNAN CARLO GEBBIA

Brandy Cuevas Gebbia and Shawn Carlo Gebbia of Kiln announce the birth of a son, Brennan Carlo, Nov. 17, 2002 NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

Maternal grandparents are Berlyn and Barbara Cuevas of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Dorothy Dupuy of Kiln and the late Stanley Gebbia.

Brennan is welcomed by his sister, Baleigh.

KENDRICK DAREN LOWERY

Tricia Hiti and Daren Otho Lowery of Waveland announce the birth of a son, Kendrick Daren, Nov. 3, 2002 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Pat Hiti of Chesterland, Ohio.

Paternal grandparents are Ronnie and Faye Lowery of Heidelberg, Miss.

RICHARD JAMES MCQUEEN

Christopher and Kerri McQueen of Jackson announce the birth of a son, Richard James, Nov. 17, 2002 at River Oaks Hospital.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Artis E. James Jr. of Diamondhead.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kelly L. McQueen of Pass Christian.

Great-grandmother is Yvonne Salinger of Bay St. Louis.

LUKE ANTHONY ESTAPA

Mr. and Mrs. Todd R. Estapa of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a son, Luke Anthony, Nov. 5, 2002 at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Mrs. Estapa is the former Carrie Mizell.

Maternal grandparents are Wayne and Belinda Mizell and Mary Robertson.

Paternal grandparents are Edward and Susie Estapa, and Teri and Charles Lucas.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Luke Benigno, Mr. and Mrs. John Mizell, and Lucille Price and Elizabeth Estapa.

Luke is welcomed by Danica, Courtney and Gage.

WYATT ANTHONY LADNER

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Anthony Ladner of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their third child, Wyatt Anthony, Nov. 14, 2002 at 10:52 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 10 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Ladner is the former Tonya Harper.

Maternal grandparents are Robert L. and Martha L. Harper of Picayune.

Paternal grandparents are Lyonie "Jeep" and Rosie Ladner of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Addie Johnson of Vicksburg, Miss., Mary Harper of Arlington, Texas, and Lucy Galiano of Marrero and the late E. A. Galiano, and the late Myrtle and August Ladner.

Wyatt is welcomed by his sisters Madelynn and Samantha.

COOPER STEVEN COOKSEY

Mr. and Mrs. Steven W. Cooksey of Waveland announce the birth of their first child, Cooper Steven, Dec. 3, 2002 at 1:40 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds 10 1/2 ounces.

Mrs. Cooksey is the former Lisa Yarborough.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Evelyn Yarborough of Bay St.

Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Michael and Judy Cooksey of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Beryl Murtagh, the late Edward "Eddie" Murtagh, Darah Cooksey, the late John T. Cooksey, and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Favre.

ABIGALE LANEY KING

Mr. and Mrs. John D. King of Kiln announce the birth of their second child, Abigale Laney, July 10, 2002 at 7:54 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 9 pounds.

Mrs. King is the former Anna Harmon.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia George of Bay St. Louis and the late Joseph Sepulvado.

Paternal grandparents are Mary and Jim King of Amite, La. and the late Frank Myers.

Great-grandparents are Jerry and Terry Krummel of New Orleans.

Abigale is welcomed by her sister, Anadaya.

AUBREY RENEE BAUGHMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Micheal R. Baughman of Picayune announce the birth of their second child, Aubrey Renée, Nov. 19, 2002 at 1:38 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

Mrs. Baughman is the former Sandra Ramond.

Maternal grandparents are Maria Ramond of Waveland and the late Vernon c. Ramond.

Paternal grandparents are Belinda and Charles Baughman of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Edward Herndon of Waveland and Emma Baughman of Bay St. Louis.

Aubrey is welcomed by her brother Reis.

Governor announces substance abuse grants

Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced that agencies in 19 Mississippi communities have been awarded grants to implement substance abuse prevention programs targeting youth between the ages of 12 and 17.

The grants are part of the Governor's Mississippi Alliance for Prevention (MAP) initiative announced in May.

"The investments we make in our children today will pay great dividends tomorrow, and this initiative is part of our investment strategy," Musgrove said.

"Substance abuse is a serious issue among our young people. By taking action now, we can stop abuse before it starts and save those children already affected by it."

Led by Musgrove, the MAP initiative is administered by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and implemented by DREAM, Inc.

Funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, the state will receive \$3 million per year for the next three years.

The community grant programs announced Sept. 18 will receive approximately \$100,000 a year for a total of three years, if the programs demonstrate a positive impact in the communities. Grant funds will be distributed later this month.

"These communities share a solid commitment to the lives of Mississippi's children, and we're going to

work closely with them to achieve our common goals," said Musgrove.

The partnership between my office, the Department of Mental Health and DREAM is strong, and extends to each of these communities across Mississippi."

Grants are being awarded to, among others:

- National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Northeast Mississippi, Inc.;
- Jackson County Children's Services Coalition;
- Region 8 MH/MR Commission;
- Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources (Region 12);
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Lt. Governor Amy Tuck welcomes North Bay Students to the State Capitol.

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The students of Mary Kay Deen's multi-age class were honored with an invitation by Lt. Governor Amy Tuck to attend the Salute to Veterans ceremony in Jackson Nov. 8.

In addition to the ceremony, held on the steps of the Capitol building, students received a tour of the Capitol, entered the Senate Chambers, met with the Lt. Governor and visited the Mississippi Natural Science Museum.

Students prepared for the journey by using the Internet and books to research the history of our state and the legislative process.

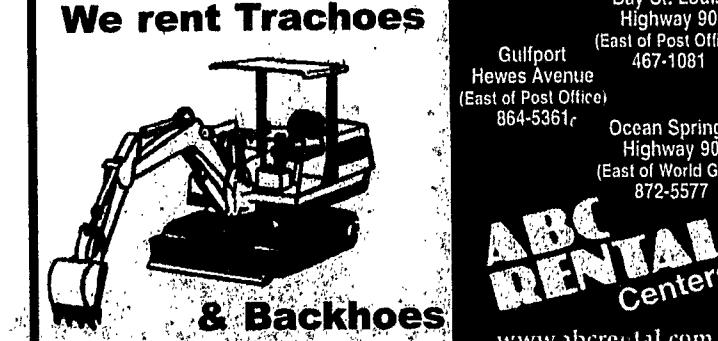
As part of the whole arts initiative in place at North Bay, each child was given several opportunities throughout the day to sketch, journal, and reflect on what they experienced. Now that they are back in Bay St. Louis, the stu-

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Which prize are your eyes on?

The elegant cruise ship Constellation set sail from Barcelona for Fort Lauderdale in November, only to add itself to a long line of luxury liners which recently discovered a highly contagious stomach virus harbored within themselves. Some 134 passengers were thoroughly sickened.

Surely, you have seen and heard in the news how many cruise ships have fallen prey to this viral affliction during the past year alone. You must have been given to wondering why so many thousands of people so willingly expose themselves to the likelihood of falling prey to the wicked virus.

In the last several months, more than 1000 passengers have been stricken by the infamous bug. "I don't think it would stop me from cruising," is the most frequent chant one hears from the vast majority of cruise ship frequent travelers. "It's a great way to relax, to cool your heels, calm your nerves."

A chlorine bleach solution is used to sanitize the huge luxury liners before they embark on their pleasure cruises. Despite such meticulous care, the horrible little virus still manages to hide away in secret places aboard ship, lying in ambush for hapless seafarers who gamble that the ship is virus-free.

Amazingly, a number of cruise ships steaming out of Florida in particular have

become repeat victims. When passengers get sick, the ships return to port, are scrubbed down and carefully cleaned with bleach again. Yet, even after all this, some ships still harbor the elusive, microscopic virus which ruins the cruise for some passengers by poisoning their stomachs.

Are you in the number of those who would gladly run the risk of falling victim to a vicious stomach virus in hopes of enjoying a luxurious, relaxing, pleasure-filled cruise? It all boils down to a single question.

What price, what degree of inconvenience, what extent of pain are you willing to pay for important, individual goals which you have in mind?

It is hugely intriguing to see how most people, in spite of a pending threat of painful consequences, do not hesitate, do not miss a beat when it comes to pursuing the prize of the moment. Once their eyes are on the prize, nothing will stop them, come hell or high water, as the old folks tell us. Not even a threat of biblical plague appearance, such as AIDS, has deterred some folks.

Many things come to mind, such as the ludicrous episode of the jubilant father gracing the TV screen a decade or so ago, proclaiming to the world how he had flown from the U.S. to London to buy a Christmas prize for his little daughter: one

REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome LeDoux, SVD



of those ugly Cabbage Patch Dolls. Finding them scarce here, neither the ocean nor money was an object. I hope it did the kid good.

With gold as the prize in their eyes, the Spanish Conquistadores left a trail of sweat, tears and blood, their own and others', in a feverish, relentless quest of cities of gold, silver and precious stones. Their hot pursuit of the prize took on a life of its own, eventually becoming more precious than life itself, so that their very life was at extreme risk and frequently lost.

If we want something badly enough, we will make time for it, find the means to pursue it, learn the best way to proceed, and battle all obstacles which fall athwart our path. Whatever we perceive as the desired prize will get the full attention of our eyes, ears, mind, heart and very soul.

Thus, the burning question in your life is: Which prize in my life

creates my highest motivation and commands the lion's share of my attention, energy, time, dedication, resources and perseverance?

Some casual comparisons come to mind. Many of the same people who grieve about lengthy church services grab their stadium seats an hour before a football game, cheer mightily for three and a half

hours, and sometimes linger for an hour watching the big screen if their team wins the game.

Not a few likewise get their jollies out of wading into the smorgasbord and toys of casinos deep into night or morning. It would certainly seem that the House of God is not the prize of their eyes. Nor does any other venue of worship and prayer, private or public, seem to be the prize of their lives. A house full of cards, dice and one-armed bandits seems to be the likely prize.

"Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Matthew 6:21)

This leads a spouse on to wonder whether she/he is viewed by the beloved as the prize of life. Unfortunately, most of the evidence I have seen and heard all my life makes this sound like a reach in most cases. The only prize would seem to have been the perception of the beloved during the time of courting.

It is a shame that the prize of our lives is not more often our parents, our children, our siblings, our family clan, all of whom are special gifts given us by the biggest Prize of all, our Creator. If this sounds like schmaltz, that is an even greater disorder which we must strain to remedy as soon as possible.

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Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 1: Mass will be at 10:30 a.m.

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"And the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord'" (Luke 2:10-11).

And as if this were not enough, "Suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace among men with whom He is pleased...' (Luke 2:13-14).

Yes, a whole host of angels appeared to the shepherds and sang to them about the coming of Christ. Do you need this kind of announcement about Christmas?

No, you are perfectly aware of the coming of Christmas. You have been consumed with buying presents and wrapping packages. Perhaps you already have a Christmas tree decorated.

And if you don't have your Christmas cards prepared and mailed, it's almost too late. But how does all of this relate to the Christmas the angels announced to the shepherds?

In the end, it does not have a great deal to do with the first Christmas. Why? Because the angels prepared the shepherds to receive Jesus Christ.

And so, if you are not prepared to receive the Lord Jesus Christ into your life, you are not really prepared for Christmas at all.

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UNFURNISHED: 1 BEDROOM, Large den, kitchen, porch. \$350. month. \$350. deposit. Must have reference. 914 Hwy. 90, Apt. C. 467-7653.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2BR MOBILE HOME. PARTIALLY furnished. \$450.00 monthly & security deposit required. 228-463-1872

2BR TRAILER FOR RENT, KILN Area. 255-5529.

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2BR/1BA, TOTALLY ELECTRIC, partially furnished. Approved Section 8. Wolf Creek Rd., Hancock Co. 255-7288.

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FOR RENT: 1 BR., 1 BA., ULMAN Ave., \$500; 3 BR., 2 BA., new construction, 172 Felicity, \$775; 3BR/2BA 803 Spanish Acres Dr. \$700. Call Chari at McIntyre Rapp Real Estate, 467-3777.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 3BR/1BA \$500/dept. \$550/month. 228-760-2205.

HOUSE FOR RENT IN WAVELAND. 2BR/1BA, large living room. Quiet neighborhood. \$500/mo plus deposit. 467-8352.

HOUSE FOR RENT, PASS Christian. 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Section 8 accepted. \$650.00/monthly. 496-5980, 864-9427.

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STUDIO CONDO & HOUSE FOR Rent. Call Jen C. Century 21 Diamondhead 342-6220 or 255-3550.

156 Lots/Acreage

50'X100' WATERFRONT LOT IN Shoreline, addition area. Cleared and ready to build. \$11,500. firm. Call and leave message, 228-463-9560.

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CEDAR POINT AREA BSL 100x101, elevation 14 feet. Appraised @ \$32,000. Asking \$29,500. 466-5887 after 6 pm.

OWNER FINANCE: NICE BUILDING LOT, Pine Ridge, Waveland, \$19,000. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479.

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MAKE OFFER-OWNER SAYS "Sell" 6047 E. Quillen St., Bayside. Call Century 21 Diamondhead. 342-5220 or 255-3550. Jen B.

OWNER FINANCING: AN ACRE PLUS in Waveland, off St. Joseph. 3br/2bath, under construction, brick, fireplace, cathedral ceiling. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, SECRETARY OF STATE AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN LOTS 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 39, 39, 40, AND 41, CYPRESS POINT, PHASE 2, A SUBDIVISION OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. RESPONDENTS CASE NO. 2002-889 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO Secretary of State Mike Moore, Attorney General, State of Mississippi and All Persons Having or Claiming a Legal or Equitable Interest in the Property Described Above NOTICE

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OTHERWISE, IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A RESPONSE, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

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DATED: 11/21/02

(Seal)

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By Larnell Scarborough Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., January 6, 2003, at shortly thereafter public hearing at the Board of Supervisors' (1) SET OF 12 EXERCISE STATIONS AND (1) SET OF 6 EXERCISE STATIONS, (6) OUTDOOR BENCHES, (2) PICNIC TABLES WITH BENCHES, (2) STANDARD RECEPTACLES (32 GALLON SIZE) & ACCESSORIES FOR INSTALLATION.

Bid specifications are available, upon request, from the Office of the Board of Supervisors, Hancock County, 151 Main Street, P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, or by calling (228) 467-1712.

All envelopes MUST be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and state the item/bids on and the bid opening date.

All envelopes MUST be stamped filed in the Hancock County Chancery Clerk's Office before 11:00 a.m., on the day of the bid opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

All bidders MUST bid on the equipment listed or equivalent.

Warranty, if any, must be stated in bid.

Bid prices shall be F.O.B., destination to the designated locations in Hancock County, within 30 days of bid opening.

Bidders can bid on any or all equipment listed.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this the 20th day of November, 2002.

(SEAL)

Timothy A. Keller
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Penny Dean, D.C.
12/08/12/15/02

INVITATION TO BID
Sealed Bids for the School Parking Lot Improvements addressed to the Saint Louis/Waveland School District will be received at 201 Carroll Avenue, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. local time on the 17th day of January, 2003 and then will be publicly opened and read. Any bids received after the time and date specified will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

Bid being submitted by mail should be addressed to the Bay St. Louis/Waveland School District, 201 Carroll Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. The drawings for the construction are entitled "Alternative School Paving Project" and consists of two (2) sheet dated December 2002.

The purpose is for the basic repair and/or overlay of the alternative school parking lot located on South Beach Boulevard.

Contract Documents may be examined at 201 Carroll Avenue, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi at the office of Timmy A. Keller, Clerk, Board of Supervisors, P.A. at 2038 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. A copy of the documents may be obtained at the office of Compton Engineering, P.A., Post Office Box 2795, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521, upon payment of \$50.00 which includes shipping and handling for each set. Payment of the documents is not required, and the amount paid for the documents is nonrefundable.

For information regarding this project, contact Compton Engineering's office at (228)467-2770 in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Each bid must be accompanied on the prescribed form and accompanied by a certified check or bid bond executed on the prescribed form, payable to Bay St. Louis/Waveland School District in an amount not less than 5 percent of the amount bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish the necessary additional bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract, as prescribed in the Contract Documents. All performance bond, payment bond and certificates of insurance shall be either executed by or countersigned by a licensed resident agent of the entity or individual company or agent of record in the State of Mississippi and in all ways complying with the insurance laws of the State of Mississippi. Further, the surety or insurance company shall be duly licensed and qualified to do business in the State of Mississippi.

In order to perform work for projects over \$300,000, the successful bidder shall, as applicable, hold or obtain such Contractor's and business licenses as required by state statutes including certification of responsibility required by Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended. Bid amounts for the work to be performed in the Bid inside is less than \$50,000 shall appear on the outside or exterior of the envelope or container of such bids, failing which said bid shall not be opened or considered. Changes for this bid shall not be made by notations on the exterior of the container of the bid.

Before a Contract will be awarded for the work contemplated herein, the Owner will conduct investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent lowest responsible responsive qualified bidder to perform the size and type of work proposed. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the Owner to evaluate the bidder's qualifications. For information concerning the proposed work, or for an appointment to visit the site of the proposed work, contact Compton Engineering, telephone (228)467-2770.

It is called to the attention of the Bidder that the time of completion of the work under this Contract is the essence of the Contract.

The right is reserved to reject all bids or any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents and to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time which however, shall not extend beyond 90 days from the bid opening date.

Board of Trustees
Bay Saint Louis/Waveland School District
Richard H. Flora, President
Dr. Kim Starns, Superintendent
12/15/12/22/02

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
Islander Marina has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, § 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, on Beau Caddy at the terminal end of Ann Street, Lakeshore, Hancock County, Mississippi. Islander Marina is seeking to construct a pier and a flow-through breakwater. The pier will measure 1,080 feet in length and 5 feet in width, and the flow-through breakwater will measure 160 feet in length.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1341), as amended by P.L. 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above proposed activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State of Mississippi.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi, no later than 100 p.m. on the day December 20, 2002 (2001, 12/08, 12/15/02).

USMGC to offer Serve-Save course Dec. 16-17

For food service industry professionals needing Serv-Safe certification, The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast will offer a two-day Serv-Safe course in December.

Sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education, Serv-Safe will be offered from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 16-17, at the Gulf Park campus.

Serv-Safe is a proactive, comprehensive science-based food safety system that allows food service operators to continuously monitor their establishments and reduce the risk of food-borne illnesses.

State law in Mississippi requires that all food service establishments have at least one person who is Serv-Safe certified.

The cost is \$99 per person. A book fee of \$57.50 is at an additional cost (sold separately at the USMGC Gulf Park bookstore). For more information or to sign up for one of these classes, call the USMGC Division of Continuing Education at (228) 867-8777.

Take home an angel at Pass Library

The Pass Christian Library has placed an "Angel Tree" in the library.

On the tree are 'angels' with information about two families and six shut-ins the library has 'adopted' for the Christmas season.

The library is asking the public to stop by the library and take home an angel and that all angel gifts be wrapped and returned to the library by Dec. 20.

For information, call 452-4596.

Finding Santa's elves — in Pass Christian

In conjunction with Pass Christian's Christmas in the Pass-2002, a search was conducted to find Santa's elves.

Third and fourth graders from DeLisle Elementary School, St. Paul Elementary School, Pass Christian Elementary School, Pineville Elementary School, and Coast Episcopal School were asked to write in 100 words or less, "My Favorite Thing About Christmas."

The ten elves accompanied Santa to the annual lighting of the Christmas tree in War Memorial Park. The elves distributed candy canes to all the eager children waiting to get a glimpse of Santa Claus. After the tree was lighted, the elves accompanied Santa in the parade through the streets of Pass Christian.

Winners and their entries include:

Dieu Le
Pass Elementary

There are many things I like about Christmas. I like to be with my friends and family. I like to give out presents to everyone. I know our Christmas spirit is inside us.

Christmas is very special to me. It is special because I can be with my family. I love my family. I love to be with my family and tell stories together. Those are the things I like about Christmas.

Elizabeth More
Pass Elementary

What I like best about Christmas is that you get

to spend time with your family. I love going to visit my family. All of my close relatives live in the same town.

First, we visit my Granny and Paw Paw's house. We see my cousins and exchange gifts. Everyone takes turns opening presents.

I enjoy watching the smiles on their faces. I love my family. Spending time with them is my favorite thing about Christmas.

Nola Necaise
DeLisle Elementary

I like getting gifts to see what is inside the wrapping paper. I love to set up the tree because it is fun to do. I love spending time with my family. Christmas is God's birthday and he hot to rest on that day. I love Christmas. It is my favorite time of year.

Elisa Bailey
DeLisle Elementary

One of my favorite things about Christmas is that I get to spend time with my family because it is the best time to get together. I like it when we play games together. We play cards and other fun games. That is my favorite thing about Christmas.

Joshua von Herrmann
Coast Episcopal School

My favorite thing about Christmas is when Santa comes to town. He brings the little kids those great gifts from all around.

My favorite thing about Christmas is playing with my toys.

I really like my hot

wheels, because they make lots of noise.

My favorite things about Christmas is my family and my friends.

Because they make me happy, the fun just never ends.

My favorite thing about Christmas is celebrating Christ.

I know God really wants me to and it makes me feel quite nice.

Laura Scialdone
Coast Episcopal School

My favorite thing about Christmas is not the presents. It is the happiness and to see my brother laugh. I love Christmas so much because I get to see my whole family.

I think that Santa is real and he has elves helping him. When I was a kid all I loved was the toys but now I just love whatever he gives me and I am happy about it.

I feel happy when it is Christmas morning. When it is Christmas I think about Jesus. Sometimes I just stay at home and enjoy Christmas.

Whitney St. Mary
St. Paul Elementary

My favorite thing about Christmas is it's magic. When people move into new houses that do not have chimneys they ask me, "How does Santa Claus get in?"

I always say it's the magic of Christmas. You know some people don't believe in Old St. Nick, but I always tell them it's the magic of Christmas.

The magic of Christmas is fantastic. It's unbelievable. My Mom always tells me it's the magic of Christmas. Don't forget it. So that's what I tell other people.

Megan Sando
St. Paul Elementary

I love the smell of a freshly started fire and the sounds of Christmas cheer. I love to see all the lovely lights of red, green and white. I adore all the gifts and the carols of the people by the widow. I love the fact that all this is happening on Jesus' birthday.

Brandon Born
Pineville Elementary

My favorite thing about Christmas is getting presents. I love getting presents because I get almost everything I wish for.

For instance when I was in the second grade I got a basketball hoop with a basketball. I hooked it on the wall of the door. This Christmas I hope to get Monsters, Inc. or Scooby Doo the movie.

Some more things I want for Christmas are Digimon Rumble Arena and clothes. Presents are my favorite part of Christmas.

Andrew Bieller
Pineville Elementary

I have many favorite things about Christmas. I like it when I get presents. I like the feast we have. My other favorite thing is when my family comes over. I like to decorate the house and tree.

Upcoming events in Hancock County

Monday, Dec. 16: Hancock County Chamber Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 17: Hancock County Chamber Beautification Committee, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Hancock County Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Sally Johnson, CPA, 4 p.m.

For information, contact: Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at 467-9048.

Coming up in January

Wednesday, Jan. 8: Hancock County Chamber Ribbon Cutting - Partners Against Tobacco in Hancock County and Pearl River Counties, Hancock Plaza, Kiln, Lora McDeros and Gloria Necaise, 586-2590

Tuesday, Jan. 14: Mississippi Gulf Coast Legislative Reception, Trade Mart in Jackson, 5:30 p.m., contact your local Chamber for more information

Monday, Jan. 20: Hancock County Chamber Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m., Hancock Medical Center, Education Building

Thursday, Jan. 23: Hancock County Chamber Business After Hours - Hancock Bank, Highway 90 Branch in Bay St. Louis

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Feliz Navidad & Merry Christmas is the theme for the next Hancock Chamber Business After Hours.

Three Chamber members are joining to host Business After Hours on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.: Coast &

County Real Estate, Hart's Liquor and Absolutely Blinds & Shutters.

These businesses are located at 10381 Highway 603 in Bay St. Louis. Parking is available in the rear of the building. For information, call 467-9111.

Second Tuesday, Dec. 10: Hancock Chamber's Dutch Lunch in the Kiln.

Sheriff Steve Garber will be the featured speaker at the next lunch in the Kiln. Starting at noon, the lunch meeting will be at Paradise Pizza and Steaks on Highway 603. Please call your steak orders in advance by calling: 255-0888 by Friday, Dec. 6.

Hancock Chamber Ribbon Cuttings

Sally Johnson, CPA announces the opening of her new office, at 101-C Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis.

A Hancock County Chamber ribbon cutting will be Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. at her office to welcome her to the community and as a new Chamber member. Her office number is: 466-0400.

Hancock County Community Events Spend at Home Promotion

The Spend at Home

Promotion is another value added benefit to Hancock County Chamber members.

Chambers throughout the Coast, in cooperation with the Biloxi Bay Press, the Sea Coast Echo and the Sun Herald, sponsored the program to promote local spending by consumers during the holiday season.

The program is open to Chamber members only. Some 44 Hancock County area businesses signed up to participate, with 180 businesses coastwide.

Ads to list these businesses and a special discount coupon will run as public service by sponsoring newspapers.

WBSL, thanks to Rick Welch, will also run PSA's to build awareness for the promotion. Jobs for Mississippi Graduates at Bay High supported the program by distributing posters and flyers to participating businesses.

Participating businesses will also be listed on sponsor websites to provide specific information on the discounts and restrictions of the offers.

As another value added benefit to participating businesses, the Hancock Chamber's tree for the Hancock County Library Gala will feature the participating businesses and the "Spend at Home" theme. The Hancock Chamber's tree is being

coordinated by volunteers Terry Sullivan and Myrt Haas.

Hancock County Arts Council Forming

A meeting was recently held to determine community interest in forming an Arts Council for Hancock County. The response was overwhelming to organizers.

More than 50 artists and friends of the arts attended the informal meeting. Gwen Impson who spearheaded the effort said that the purpose of the Council would be to establish a clearinghouse for all arts related information; to serve as a resource for artists, schools and the community; and, to create an economic tool

to attract visitors, additional artists, and arts

businesses to the Hancock County area.

Those who attended were asked to complete a questionnaire to determine resources and to begin to build a database of supporters. After the first of the year, another meeting will be held to determine next steps.

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Additional details may be viewed online at www.murraystate.edu.

Guests with disabilities should contact the office of the provost at (270) 762-3744 or 762-6465 as soon as possible for more information.

Mental Health Assoc. begins Operation

